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This report contains the results from the **2016 January Cattle** and **Sheep and Goat Reports**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

January 1 Arkansas All Cattle Inventory Up 4 Percent
Milk Cow Inventory Unchanged From 2015

Cattle: All cattle and calves in Arkansas as of January 1, 2016, totaled 1.7 million head, up 4 percent from the revised January 1, 2015 estimate. The calf crop for the full year of 2015 was 760,000 head, up 4 percent from last year. All Cows and heifers that have calved, at 900,000 head, were up from the revised January 1, 2015; beef cows, at 893,000 head, were up 3 percent; and milk cows, at 7,000 head, were unchanged from 2015. All heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were up 24 percent to 255,000 head. Steers were down 4 percent to 125,000 head; bulls were unchanged at 55,000 head, and calves weighing less than 500 pounds were down 1 percent to 365,000 head.

Goats: On January 1, 2016, Arkansas meat and other goat inventory totaled 36,000 head, down 5 percent from the previous year. The January 1, 2016, Arkansas milk goat inventory totaled 4,600 head, up 5 percent from 2015.

Cattle Inventory by Class: Arkansas and U.S., January 1, 2015-2016

Class ¹	Arkansas			United States		
	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2015	2016	% Change from '15
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
All Cattle and Calves	1,630	1,700	+ 4	89,143.0	91,988.0	+ 3
All Cows and Heifers that have calved	870	900	+ 3	38,609.0	39,646.2	+ 3
Beef Cows	863	893	+ 3	29,302.1	30,330.8	+ 4
Milk Cows	7	7	-	9,306.9	9,315.4	+<0.1
All Heifers 500 pounds and over	205	255	+ 24	19,261.2	19,822.3	+ 3
Beef Replacement Heifers	150	182	+ 21	6,086.4	6,285.2	+ 3
Milk Replacement Heifers	4	3**	- 25	4,710.4	4,824.0	+ 2
Other Heifers	51	70	+ 37	8,464.4	8,713.1	+ 3
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	130	125	- 4	15,629.5	16,320.4	+ 4
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	55	55	-	2,109.4	2,142.4	+ 2
Calves Under 500 Pounds	370	365	- 1	13,533.9	14,056.7	+ 4
Cattle and Calves on Feed ²	(D)	(D)	-	13,025.0	13,177.0	+ 1
Calf Crop	2014	2015	% Change from '14	2014	2015	% Change from '14
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
	Calf Crop During Year	730	760	+ 4	33,522.0	34,301.7

*Record High ** Record Low

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

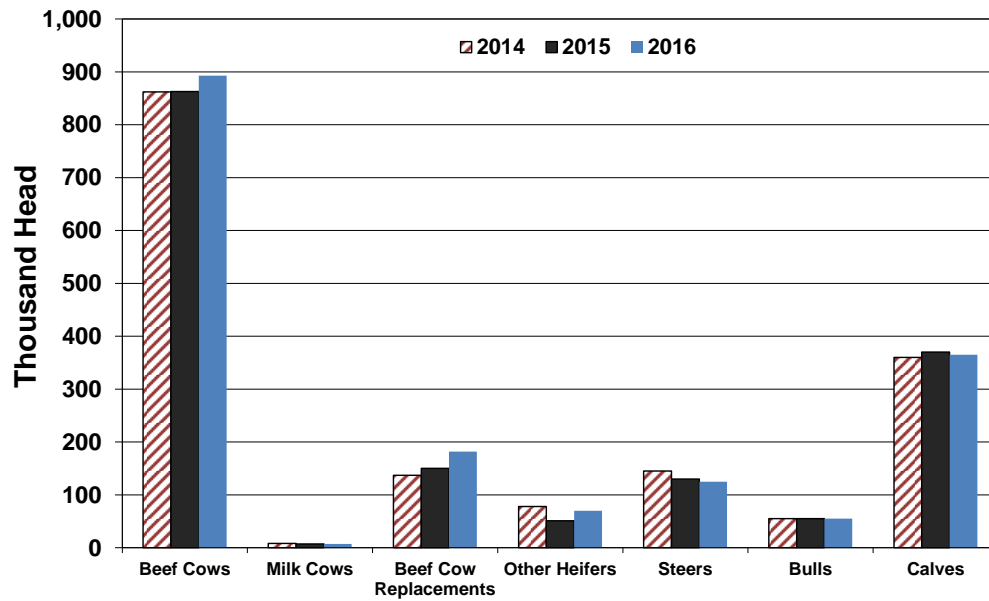
²Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

Goats and Sheep Inventory: Arkansas and U.S., January 1, 2015-2016

Animal & Class	Arkansas			United States		
	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2015	2016	% Change from '15
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
All Goats	(D)	(D)	-	2,650	2,620	- 1
Angora Goats	(D)	(D)	-	160	150	- 6
Meat and Other Goats	38.0	36.0	- 5	2,125	2,095	- 1
Milk Goats	4.4	4.6	+ 5	365	375	+ 3
Sheep	(D)	(D)	-	5,280	5,320	+ 1

^(D)Data is not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Cattle Inventory by Class, Arkansas, January 1, 2014-2016



Cattle Inventory, Arkansas and U.S., January 1, 2007-2016

